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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Undersecretaries' Committee: Management
of Overseas Intelligence Personnel

1. On May 3, I met with Glynn Mays and the small staff in State which supports the Undersecretaries' Committee. The staff has not done a comprehensive summary since 1972, and its information is not readily reducible to coherent overviews without many man hours.

2. Mays welcomed IC interest and hoped the DCI, in his inter-agency hat, would take a more active role in screening intelligence-related personnel justifications. He offered full access to their records when useful to us. He feels his principal problem lies in the tendency of Defense to classify many positions as intelligence justified, while resisting the management process generally.

3. Only those Defense personnel coming under the jurisdiction of the Chief of Mission are affected by the process: this leaves out all those operating under a theater commander and (I suspect) some in joint staff organizations. A check of a couple of country sheets showed no really detailed breakdown: so many for Attache office, for Communications, and for DACA. In most cases, the "justification" is really done at the Chief of Mission level when Washington refers the numbers to him for comment.

4. Mays notes that the Committee's charter is up for renewal this spring and Defense is arguing strongly in favor of disbanding the function. Mays has no feel for Kissinger's inclinations, but noted that this was the only place such overview information is collected in a more or less meaningful manner.

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